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SUBJ: CCD: 759TH PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 4, 1977

1. SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 4 CCD PLENARY SOVIET REP GAVE STATEMENT INTRODUCING TWO TECHNICAL WORKING PAPERS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) VERIFICATION. CZECHOSLOVAK REP GAVE ROUTINE TOUR D'HORIZON STATEMENT. END SUMMARY

2. SOVIET REP (LIKHACHEV), ADDRESSING AUGUST 4 CCD PLENARY, DISCUSSED ASPECTS OF CW VERIFICATION AND INTRODUCED TWO TECHNICAL WORKING PAPERS. A CW VERIFICATION REGIME, THE SOVIET REP STATED, SHOULD ENSURE CONDITIONS "WHICH WOULD NOT INFRINGE UNCLASSIFIED

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UPON THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND WOULD NOT LEAD TO THE DISCLOSURE OF STATE AND MILITARY SECRETS." THE SOVIET REP SAID THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS CONTAINS ENORMOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR NATIONAL MEANS OF CONTROL, WHICH, IF USED TO THE FULL, WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY OF TREATY COMPLIANCE. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET REP WENT

ON TO REFER TO THE USSR 31 ST UNGA MEMORANDUM WHICH MENTIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF ON-SITE OBSERVATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION.

3. SOVIET REP STATED THAT THE FIRST OF THE TWO WORKING PAPERS, ENTITLED "SOME METHODS OF CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS " (CCD/538), RELATES TO REMOTE MEANS OF VERIFICATION "BOTH INTERTERRITORIAL AND EXTRATERRITORIAL," OF TWO TYPE: (A) MONITORING AN AIR OR WATER CURRENT; (B) OPTICAL (SPECTRAL) ANALYSIS BASED ON SATELLITE MONITORING. STATING THAT THE FIRST TECHNIQUE DEPENDS TO A LARGE DEGREE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL PHENOMENA BUT THAT THE SECOND TECHNIQUE IS MORE RELIABLE, USSR REP SAID THAT USING SATELLITES "MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METHOD AND TO RECORD WITH HIGH DEGREE OF RELIABILITY THE PRESENCE IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF VERY LOW CONCENTRATION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS WHICH MAY ENSURE DETECTION OF THE PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THEIR FIELD TESTS."

4. THE SECOND SOVIET WORKING PAPER, ENTITLED "VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS" (CCD/539), WAS DESCRIBED BY USSR REP AS EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFINING "NOT ONLY THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF AGENTS TO BE DESTROYED BUT ALSO THEIR QUALITATIVE ASPECTS, WHICH MEANS THE PERCENTAGE CONTENT OF MAIN SUBSTANCE OF THE

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AGENT TO BE DESTROYED." THE PROCESS OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION, THE SOVIET REP INDICATED SHOULD RECORD (A) THE FACT OF DESTRUCTION OF AN AGENT OF A CERTAIN TYPE; (B) THE QUANTITY OF THE AGENT DESTROYED; AND (C) THE QUALITY OF THE AGENT AND THE APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENTED RESULTS OF THE VERIFICATION. USSR REP SAID THAT THE WORKING PAPER PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT STOCKPILE DECLARATIONS WILL BE PHRASED IN TERMS OF WEIGHT QUANTITIES OF THE MAIN SUBSTANCE. SOVIET WORKING PAPER STATES: QUOTE TAKING AS A BASIS THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL CONTROL OVER THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO BEAR IN MIND THAT: (A) CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE DESTROYED BY INCINERATION OR DETOXIFICATION; (B) THE PLANNING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS, AS WELL AS THEIR REMOVAL FROM CONTAINERS OR WARHEADS AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL RECEPTACLES, ARE REGARDED AS PREPARATORY OPERATIONS WHICH ARE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF CONTROLLERS; (C) CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE TRANSPORTED TO THE PLACE OF DESTRUCTION IN SPECIAL RECEPTACLES. UNQUOTE. THIS PAPER STATES AS ITS CONCLUSION: QUOTE EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS FEASIBLE PROVIDED THAT PREPARATORY WORK AND CHEMICAL ANALYSES ARE UNDERTAKEN, AND THAT STATISTICAL RECORDS ARE KEPT -- IN TERMS OF THE

BASIC SUBSTANCE -- OF THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF CHEMICAL
AGENTS DESTROYED. UNQUOTE.

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5. CZECHOSLOVAK REP (ZOPOTOCKY) GAVE ROUTINE OVERALL STATEMENT,
EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST
BAN, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS.
CZECHOSLOVAK REP ALSO CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION, PRAISED THE FINAL
DOCUMENT OF THE JULY 1977 SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW
CONFERENCE, AND CALLED PROGRESS THUS FAR IN CCD'S AD HOC OF
SEISMIC EXPERTS "ENCOURAGING", INDICATING THAT ITS ANALYSIS
OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC NETWORK "MAY IN OUR
OPINION POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO REACHING THE SOLUTION OF
THE PROBLEM OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN."

6. AT RECOMMENDATION OF CO-CHAIRMAN (US, USSR), CCD DECIDED
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TO CIRCULATE THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL
TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE TO ALL CCD MEMBERS, UNDER CCD
DOCUMENT NUMBER. IN ADDITION, AS SUGGESTED BY SOVIET REP, CCD
DECIDED TO SCHEULE ITS FIRST INFORMAL MEETING ON NEW MASS
DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, IMMEIDATELY
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